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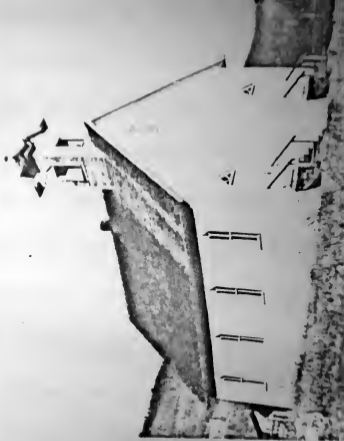
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Church records in the Arboreale and the Greenbank  
parsonages. Rev. D. H. Gardner, and Maud Wanless daughter  
of Charles C. Wanless





MOUNT UNION M. E. CHURCH--WANLESS

The first class at Wanless was organized in the old Wanless school house with the following members: Rachel Swink, E. A. Curry, Mary Beverage, Margaret Ann Cassell, Susannah Gelford, Lousie Cassell, John Cassell, Matilda Wanless, John Wanless, Samuel Cassell, Martha Cassell, Martha J. Shinnberry, B. E. Tallman, Mattie E. Sutton, Minnie Cassell, Mary Kessler, Rev. Henry L. Kessler, Henry McGrey, Sarah Cassell, Indiana Cassell, W. R. Sutton, William Cassell, Jacob Cassell, Sr., Jacob Cassell Jr., Squire Meyener, Alice Sutton, Bessie Cassell, Washington Oliver, Allie Sheets, Vesta Sheets, Allie Tallman, and Posie Sutton. For many years services were held in the school house, but the people decided that if their children were to have the proper religious training they should have a church, so with Charles C. Wanless and Henry L. Kessler, a local preacher, as the leaders, work was begun on a church.

The land upon which the church was built was given on October 10, 1906 by Charles C. Wanless and Hannah Wanless his wife, to Henry L. Kessler, Charles C. Wanless, A. W. Tallman, J. E. Tallman, William Cassell and A. W. Sheets, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South for the use and benefit of the members of the Mount Union Church near Wanless.

the West Virginia Sulp and Paper Co. of Gass gave part of the lumber and the people of the community gave timber and had it sawed on near by saw mills. In this way all of the lumber was donated. Money for other expenses was collected by subscription. John and Robert Noel were the carpenters. The church was dedicated on July 4, 1907.

There is a Missionary Society with Mrs. Dr. Bull of Durbin as the President. This church takes a collection on the first Sunday in each month for mission work.

The oldest members of the church were the above named trustees and their families, also the families of Jacob Cassell Sr., and Jacob Cassell, Jr.

The present Stewards are Minnie Wanless, Willie Cassell, Garnet Beverage and Walter Beverage.

The present Trustees are Willie Cassell, George Wanless and Elmer Houshin. George Wanless is the class leader, and Willie Cassell is the Sunday school Supt.

Records show a membership of 43 for 1940, but the above named persons are the main church workers.

It is a strong church for a small country church, with good attendance at Sunday School and church services throughout the year.

It was at first an appointment on the Greenbank Circuit, but is now on the Arbovale Circuit with Rev. D. M. Gardner as the present pastor.